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SUBJECT: THE PLO IN THE IAEA

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SUMMARY: DANES WILL PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON OBSERVER STATUS FOR
THE PLO AT THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE..END SUMMARY.

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1) AS REQUESTED PARA 4 REFTTEL, ON AUGUST 27 POLCOUNS INFORMED

MFA CHIEF OF MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, BENT HAAKONSEN, OF THE INITIATIVE TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE PLO TO ATTEND AS OBSERVER THE IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND OF THE INTENTION OF THE U.S. STRONGLY TO OPPOSE SUCH A MOVE. POLCOUNS PARTICULARLY STRESSED THE ARGUMENT SET OUT UNDER THE THIRD TICK OF PARA 2, REFTEL, VIS-A-VIS THE SENSITIVITY OF THE IAEA BECAUSE OF ITS NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS AND NON-PROLIFERATION RESPONSIBILITY.

2) HAAKONSEN WAS AWARE OF THE MOVE OF IRAQ AND SAID THAT THE EC 9 ARE CONSULTING WITH A VIEW OF REACHING A COMMON DECISION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE IAEA PUT IT IN A SPECIAL CATEGORY OF CONSIDERATION. HE SAID THAT "AS USUAL" THE DANES WISH TO DEFER THEIR JUDGMENT UNTIL THEY RECEIVE AN INDICATION OF POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE NINE.

3) HAAKONSEN PERSONALLY HOPED THAT THE QUESTION COULD BE AVOIDED BUT BELIEVED THIS WAS UNREALISTIC. HE ALSO BELIEVED THAT, IN THE EVENT, THE PLO WOULD PROBABLY ACHIEVE ADMISSION AS AN OBSERVER. HAAKONSEN'S FORECAST WAS THAT THE DANES AND MOST OF THE NINE WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE QUESTION IF IT CAME TO A VOTE AND OBSERVED THAT "SOME MEMBERS OF THE NINE" (PRESUMABLY FRANCE) APPEARED TO BE IN FAVOR OF VOTING FOR PLO OBSERVER STATUS AT THE IAEA.

4) HAAKONSEN SAID THE SHAPE OF THE EC INTERNAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE MOST QUICKLY DISCERNIBLE FROM THE HAGUE BUT EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT FURTHER NEXT WEEK.
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